

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for automatically evaluating value changes of balance sheet objects, the method comprising:

automatically ~~determining~~ ascertaining, by a processor, a book value for each object in an accounting system;

automatically determining a market value for each object;

automatically forming an intermediate variable from the book value and the market value;

automatically testing the intermediate variable to determine whether it satisfies one or more presettable conditions; and

automatically performing one or more actions depending upon the manner or degree to which one or more of the presettable conditions are satisfied;

wherein the one or more actions are performed at some point before a sale or purchase of each object and are selected from a list comprising:

displaying a calculated impairment price;

sending a message to a person containing information about the specific condition in question;

sending a list containing proposals for action to a person;

presenting advice for a degree to which the conditions are satisfied on a display; and

performing a value adjustment for displaying each object in the accounting system.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the objects are securities.

3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the market value is the price of the object multiplied by the number of units available.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate variable is a difference between the book value and the market value.

5. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the one or more presettable conditions are selected from a list comprising:

disparity between the intermediate variable and an average value for the intermediate variable, ascertained over a settable period of time by a presettable amount;

disparity between the intermediate variable and a minimum disparity for the intermediate variable, ascertained over a settable period of time by a presettable amount;

disparity between the intermediate variable and a maximum disparity for the intermediate variable, ascertained over a settable period of time by a presettable amount; and

a presettable number of disparities between the intermediate variable and a presettable auxiliary variable in a presettable period of time.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the calculated impairment price is a market price for the object.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the calculated impairment price is a market price for the object increased or reduced by a presettable value.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer system for performing a method for automatically evaluating value changes of balance sheet objects, the computer system comprising:

means for storing data;

means for storing programs;

means for executing programs;

program code means for ~~determining~~ ascertaining a book value for each object in an accounting system;

program code means for determining a market value for each object;

program code means for forming an intermediate variable from the book value and the market value;

program code means for testing the intermediate variable to determine whether it satisfies one or more presettable conditions; and

program code means for performing one or more actions depending upon the manner or degree to which one or more of the presettable conditions are satisfied,

wherein the one or more actions are performed at some point before a sale or purchase of each object and are selected from a list comprising:

displaying a calculated impairment price;

sending a message to a person containing information about the specific condition in question;

sending a list containing proposals for action to a person;

presenting advice for a degree to which the conditions are satisfied on a display; and

performing a value adjustment for displaying each object in the accounting system.

10. (Original) The computer system according to claim 9, wherein the objects are securities.

11. (Original) The computer system according to claim 9, wherein the market value is the price of the object multiplied by the number of units available.

12. (Original) The computer system according to claim 9, wherein the intermediate variable is a difference between the book value and the market value.

13. (Previously Presented) The computer system according to claim 9, wherein the one or more presettable conditions are selected from a list comprising:

disparity between the intermediate variable and an average value for the intermediate variable, ascertained over a settable period of time by a presettable amount;

disparity between the intermediate variable and a minimum disparity for the intermediate variable, ascertained over a settable period of time by a presettable amount;

disparity between the intermediate variable and a maximum disparity for the intermediate variable, ascertained over a settable period of time by a presettable amount; and

a presettable number of disparities between the intermediate variable and a presettable auxiliary variable in a presettable period of time.

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Previously Presented) The computer system according to claim 9, wherein the calculated impairment price is a market price for the object.

16. (Previously Presented) The computer system according to claim 9, wherein the calculated impairment price is a market price for the object increased or reduced by a presettable value.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium containing instructions for performing a method for automatically evaluating value changes of balance sheet objects, the method comprising:

automatically ~~determining~~ ascertaining a book value for each object in an accounting system;

automatically determining a market value for each object;

automatically forming an intermediate variable from the book value and the market value;

automatically testing the intermediate variable to determine whether it satisfies one or more presettable conditions; and

automatically performing one or more actions depending upon the manner or degree to which one or more of the presettable conditions are satisfied,

wherein the one or more actions are performed at some point before a sale or purchase of each object and are selected from a list comprising:

- displaying a calculated impairment price;

- sending a message to a person containing information about the specific condition in question;

- sending a list containing proposals for action to a person;

- presenting advice for a degree to which the conditions are satisfied on a display; and

- performing a value adjustment for displaying each object in the accounting system.

18. (Original) The computer readable medium according to claim 17, wherein the objects are securities.

19. (Original) The computer readable medium according to claim 17, wherein the market value is the price of the object multiplied by the number of units available.

20. (Original) The computer readable medium according to claim 17, wherein the intermediate variable is a difference between the book value and the market value.

21. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 17, wherein the one or more presettable conditions are selected from a list comprising:

disparity between the intermediate variable and an average value for the intermediate variable, ascertained over a settable period of time by a presettable amount;

disparity between the intermediate variable and a minimum disparity for the intermediate variable, ascertained over a settable period of time by a presettable amount;

disparity between the intermediate variable and a maximum disparity for the intermediate variable, ascertained over a settable period of time by a presettable amount; and

a presettable number of disparities between the intermediate variable and a presettable auxiliary variable in a presettable period of time.

22. (Cancelled).

23. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 21, wherein the calculated impairment price is the market price for the object.

24. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 21, wherein the calculated impairment price is a market price for the object increased or reduced by a presettable value.

25. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for automatically evaluating value changes of balance sheet objects in a computer-readable medium, the method comprising:

automatically ~~determining~~ ascertaining, by a processor, a book value for each object in an accounting system;

automatically determining a market value for each object;

automatically forming an intermediate variable from the book value and the market value;

automatically testing the intermediate variable to determine whether it satisfies one or more presettable conditions; and

automatically performing one or more actions depending upon the manner or degree to which one or more of the presettable conditions are satisfied,

wherein the one or more actions are performed at some point before a sale or purchase of each object and are selected from a list comprising:

displaying a calculated impairment price;

sending a message to a person containing information about the specific condition in question;

sending a list containing proposals for action to a person;

presenting advice for a degree to which the conditions are satisfied on a display; and

performing a value adjustment for displaying each object in the accounting system;

wherein automatically forming the intermediate variable from the book value and the market value further comprises automatically calculating an intermediate variable; and

wherein automatically testing the intermediate variable to determine whether it satisfies one or more presettable conditions is testing the disparity between the intermediate variable and an average value for the intermediate variable ascertained over a settable period of time, by a presettable amount.

26. (Cancelled).

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25, wherein displaying a calculated impairment price comprises drawing attention to the manner and degree to which the presettable conditions are satisfied by means of a screen icon.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein displaying a calculated impairment price further comprises displaying the difference between an amortized acquisition value of the object and an impairment value of the object.